

Animal Shelter Design and Update





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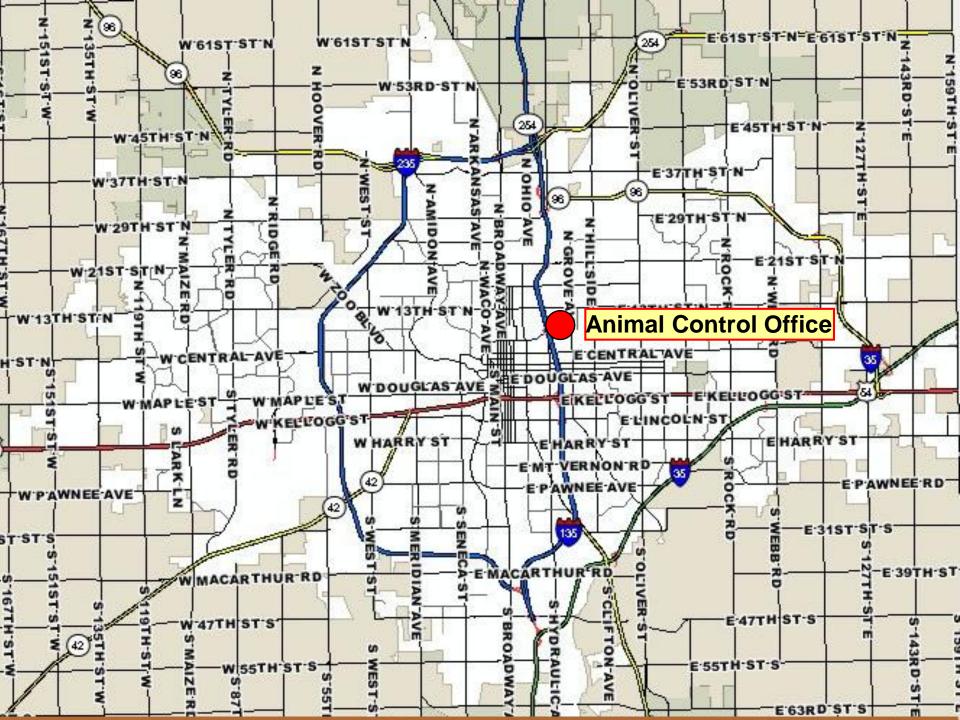






Wichita Animal Care Campus

- Joint presentation by City of Wichita and Kansas Humane Society
- Historical perspective
 - Agency roles and current facilities
 - Issues, needs and perspective
- Collaborative Vision for Animal Welfare
- Conceptual design and budget
- Next steps









Role of Animal Services

- Community Safety
 - Dangerous, stray, and nuisance animal pickup
 - Investigations for rabies, bites, & attacks: animal quarantine
 - Code enforcement
 - Interagency support
- Animal Protection and Sheltering
 - Pickup and medical care for sick and injured animals
 - Cruelty and neglect investigations
 - Pets reunited with owners; adoptions and euthanasia
 - Interlocal agreements Sedgwick County and cities
- Public Education and Records Management







Animal Services Field Office

- A 1940's "Green House" (1200 s.f. green paneled house across from ES Building)
 - 1024 N. Minnesota
- Functions:
 - Section supervision and administration
 - Call center, field officer headquarters and dispatch
 - Records management
 - Vicious animal hearings (held at ES Building)



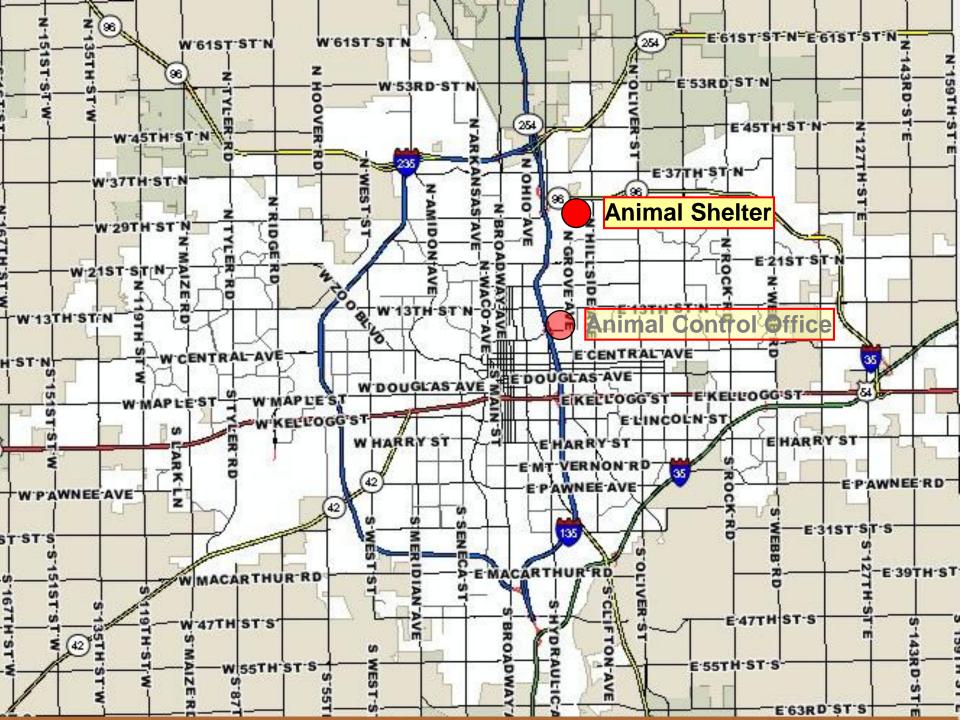




Green House Challenges

- Lack of adequate and healthy office space
- Old and dilapidated building exterior and interior
- Ineffective communications with shelter operations
- Duplication of some activities with split locations
- Inefficient driving requirements with split locations











Wichita Animal Shelter

- Built in 1985, 6,192 s.f. cinderblock building located at 3303 N. Hillside
- Functions:
 - Required hold for animals impounded by field staff, public and contract agencies;
 - Call center for services;
 - Reclamation center for owners to locate lost pets;
 - Adoption center for excess animals to citizens or rescue groups or euthanized
 - Euthanasia and disposal facility for excess and dead animals



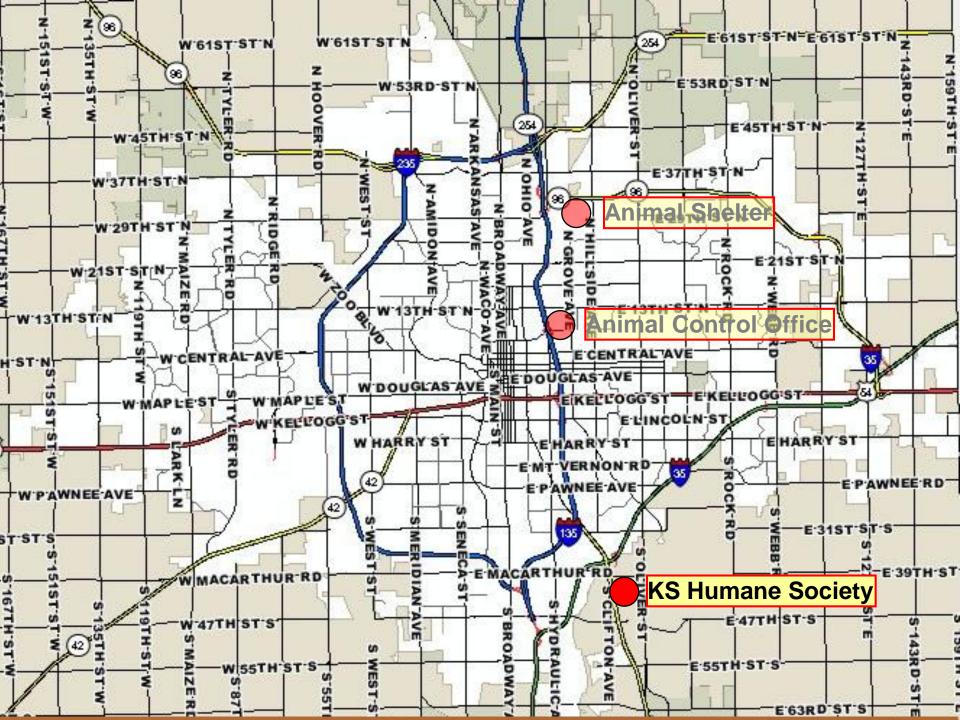




Shelter Challenges

- Lack of adequate and healthy space for people and animals
- Old and dilapidated building
- Worn out equipment and incinerators
- High euthanasia rate due to limited space
- Inefficient operations and communications due to location of section administration and field operations











Daily Interaction with KHS

- Animal transfers for adoptions drive time
- Citizen referral to KHS for lost pet location and adoption
- Information collaboration and records sharing
- Mutual training and resource sharing







Public Issues

- Geographic location public has to drive to both location looking for lost pets
- Duplication in services both have adoptions, stray intake
- Confusion on function and identity people don't know the difference







Vision and Goals for Animal Services To Preserve and Protect Public Health, Safety and Animal Welfare

- Increase response rate for service requests
- Increase pet owner responsibility and compliance
- Reduce animal bites and attacks
- Serve as community's single point for stray intake to increase returned to owner rate
- Increase adoption rate and reduce euthanasia rate of unwanted or excess pets in the community
- Implement additional measures to reduce community's unwanted cats and dogs



Kim Janzen, President/CEO Kansas Humane Society







Role of KHS

- Pet Adoption Services
- Place to take pets when they can no longer be cared for
- Taking in stray animals
- Reducing pet overpopulation
- Community Education
- Spaying and neutering all pets prior to adoption











Kansas Humane Society Functions

- Adoptions
- Lost & Found services
- Youth Education
- Spay/neuter clinic
- Administration/Fundraising/Public Relations
- Euthanasia
- Volunteer Coordination
- Foster Care Program
- Private Pet Cremation







KHS Challenges

- 50 year old facility
- Lack of space for animals/programs/staff
- Inadequate plumbing, ventilation, and electrical systems
- Difficult to sanitize
- No isolation space for animals with illness
- Increases animal stress and behavior issues







Public inconvenience

- Confusion of functions
- Two locations for lost pets
- Two locations for pet adoptions
- Redundant services
- Little opportunity for collaboration







George Fahnestock, KHS Board Member

History of Collaboration







One Campus - Many Benefits

- 1. One point of service
- 2. Increases convenience for public
- 3. Decreases public confusion
- 4. Eliminates service duplication
- 5. Successful public/private partnership
- 6. Improves public perception
- 7. Expands services to the community
- 8. Municipal resources stay focused on municipal responsibilities







One Campus - Many Benefits

- 9. Opportunity for shared resources
- Perfect blend of autonomy and collaboration
- 11. Strengthens both organizations
- 12. First step in achieving our vision to save the life of every adoptable animal
- 13. First of its kind in the Midwest
- 14. Will be a model for animal care organizations around the country







Streamlining Services

- KHS: Owner–relinquished animals
- CoW: Stray animals/3 day stray hold
- CoW: Reunite lost pets with owners
- KHS: Health and Behavior Evaluation
- KHS: Spay/neuter Surgery, Micro-chipping, Adoption







Our Vision

To end the euthanasia of all healthy or treatable animals in our community.



Ed Martin, Building Services Manager





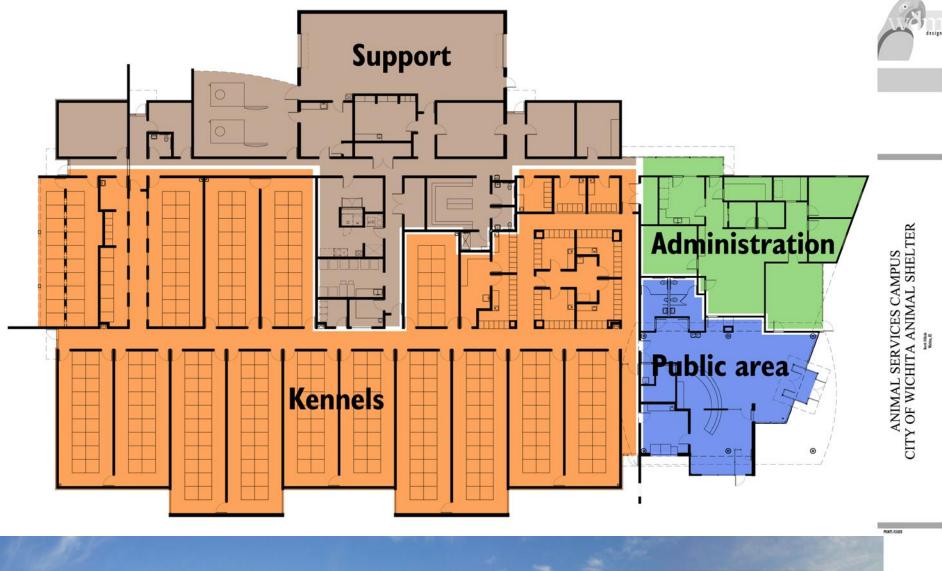


Wilson, Darnell, Mann Architects

 Many meetings with KHS and CoW to determine specific needs for each

Project Design Concept

- 2 similar facilities
- Same materials
- Same equipment
- Unique character for each facility







Kansas Humane Society - North Elevation













CoW Animal Shelter Design

- Developed after joint study of recent projects in other cities
- Avoids mistakes and uses best practices of other projects
- Uses latest standards in kennel design
- All finishes are easily cleaned, very durable, and meet disease control standards
- Designed for 15 air changes/hour
- Excellent sound control







Features of Animal Shelter Design

- Includes administration from "Green House"
- Improved animal drop-off
- Improved animal care facilities
- Improved animal capacity
- Improved cages All on one level
- Improved viewing for public
- Allows for modest growth







Architect's Estimate for Animal Shelter

Building Area 26,022 SF

Construction Cost \$5,620,522

Design fees, survey, soils, etc. \$ 431,010

Contingency @ 12% \$ 674,463

Total \$6,725,995

Staff Cost Estimate in 1999 \$3,300,000

Difference \$3,425,995







1999 Estimate for new Animal Shelter

- Replaced current building only. Did not include furnishings or equipment
- Did not include "Green House" functions
- Did not reflect later changes in design standards for disease control
- Did not reflect increased cost/s.f. of animal care vs. normal building
- Did not anticipate rapid escalation of construction costs





+13% in 2006



Escalation of Construction Costs

- Materials in world-wide demand
- Material costs affected by fuel costs

• Cement + 40% since 2000

• Iron & Steel + 79% since 2000 + 9% in 2006

• Copper +130% since 2000 +61% in 2006

Asphalt Paving + 40% since 2000 +13% in 2006







Project Schedule

- KHS property has been sold and they need to move
- CoW schedule is being matched to KHS schedule
- Groundbreaking in December 2007
- Occupancy in Spring of 2009







Build both projects with same contractor

- Save money
 - Economy of scale
 - Same subs do all work
 - Reduced contractor overhead costs
- Save time
 - Eliminate conflicts of side by side projects







Project Construction Plan

- Issue "request for Qualifications" (RFQ)
- Select most qualified General Contractor
- Negotiate best price for three separate segments
 - Wichita Animal Shelter building
 - Kansas Humane Society building
 - Site development (shared 50–50)
- One project manager for all contracts







Request to City Council

- Support the project as designed
- Support the project funding

With Council's expression of support, we will proceed with the process to develop construction documents